basis of the Market Survey, economic viability and product availability include such places in their Marketing Plans.

[*English*]

Flood and cyclone Relief to Victims in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

4541. SHRI MANORAJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5829 on September 5, 1991 state:

(a) the findings of the magisterial inquiry conducted to identify the irregularities in disbursement of flood and cyclone relief to victims of 1989 cyclone; and

(b) the action taken by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The findings of the Magisterial Inquiry conducted by the Andaman and Nicobar Island Administration have been received. Union Territory Administration is taking follow-up action on these findings in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Short Supply of Coal to Cement Factories

4542. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement manufacturers of Tamil Nadu are facing great hardship owing to short supply of coal/lignite;

(b) whether the Government propose to take steps for full exploitation of lignite from Jayankondam in Tiruchur district of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for adequate supply of lignite to cement industries there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. There is some shortfall in supply of coal to the cement plants in Tamil Nadu. However, Government have taken steps to provide alternate sources of supply of coal to these cement plants. Coal is being allotted to some of the cement plants in Tamil Nadu from Bengal-Bihar Coalfields for movement by rail-cum-sea route. Every effort is being made to increase movement of coal from WCL. The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC), Neyveli, had supplied about 4 lakh tonnes of lignite to cement plants during 1990-91 and during the period April-October, 1991 about 3.03 lakh tonnes of lignite has already been supplied to them. In 1991-92, 6.0 lakh tonnes of lignite is programmed to be supplied to cement industry. As per information given by Neyveli Lignite Corporation, they have no immediate proposal to exploit the lignite available at Jaya-Kondam in Trichy District in Tamil Nadu.

New Verieties of Foodgrain Released by ICAR

4543. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR has developed several foodgrain varieties to be grown in the dryland areas in Orissa

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance provided by the Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture, Hyderabad in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.

LENKA): (a) and (b). Sir, Research work done in Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology through ICAR supported co-ordinated crop improvement projects has resulted in the release of following improved varieties of crops suited to upland and medium lands of Orissa:

Crops	*Varieties/Hybrids*
Upland rice	Subhadra, Dr-83-1, Parijat, Sattari.
Fingermillet	PR-717, JNR-1008, Neelachal, Diby asingha
Greengram	K-851, Jyoth, Sujata
Blackgram Pigeonpea	T-9, UPU-1, Sarala Mukta, T-21, UPAS- 120
Sesamum	Vinayak, Kanak, Kalika
Horsegram	DS 1-2, DS 2-2, Ds 2-1, URM-13
Cowpea	C-170, C-120, FS-68
Groundnut	AK 12-24 Kisan, TG-9, Phule Pragati (JL- 24)
Maize	A 51-54, Jawahar, Vijaya
Miger	Phulbani local, Ootacamund No.5

(c) The Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology Centre at Bhubaneshwar has been one of the co-operating centres under the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Dry land Agriculture since 1970-71. In this project 75% of the financial support is being provided by ICAR. Technical assistance is being provided by the co-ordinating cell of the project and Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture. Field staff from departments of agriculture of state including Orissa are given training in improved dryland agriculture and watershed management form time to time at the Trainers Training Centre attached to Central Research Institute on Dryland Agriculture.

Indo-soviet Oil Barter Deal

4544. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union propose to convert the Indo-Soviet Oil barter deal into a hard currency deal; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received.

(b) Does not arise.